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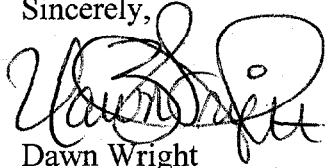
Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am writing to express my concern about the weak labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. I strongly believe that it is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation.

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. Sufficient research is not available to support that these procedures are not harmful to human consumers. These cosmetic and nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food that is not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where treated food is displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful and not misleading to the customer. Only clear, honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated foods.

I hope that in the interest of protecting your public, that you will defend the consumer's right to know in this important decision-making process.

Sincerely,

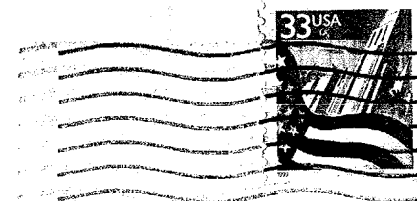
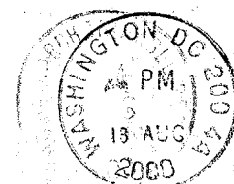


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